

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re application of:** Waldman *et al.*

**Confirmation No:** 1053

**Serial No.:** 10/775,481

**Group Art Unit:** 1642

**Filed:** February 10, 2004

**Examiner:** Peter J. Reddig

**Title:** USE OF GCC LIGANDS

**Mail Stop: Amendment**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

**Dear Sir:**

This reply and amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Official Action dated February 3, 2010, in connection with the above-identified patent application. **The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith.** Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2.

A Remarks section begins on Page 11.